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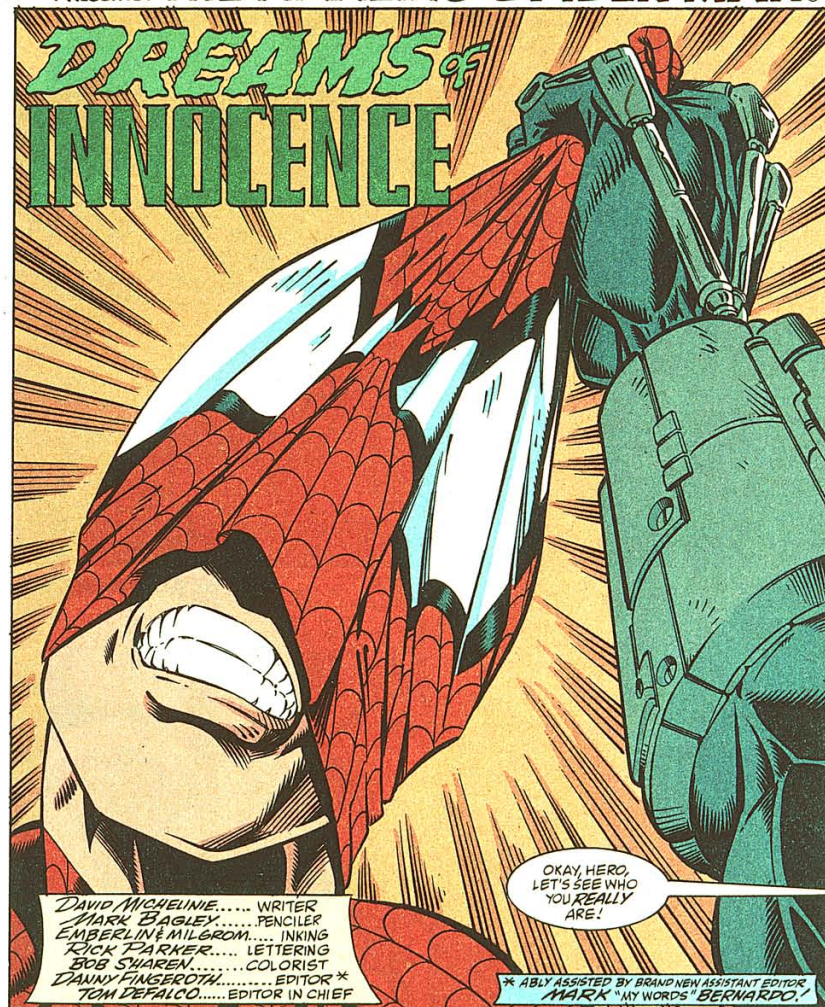
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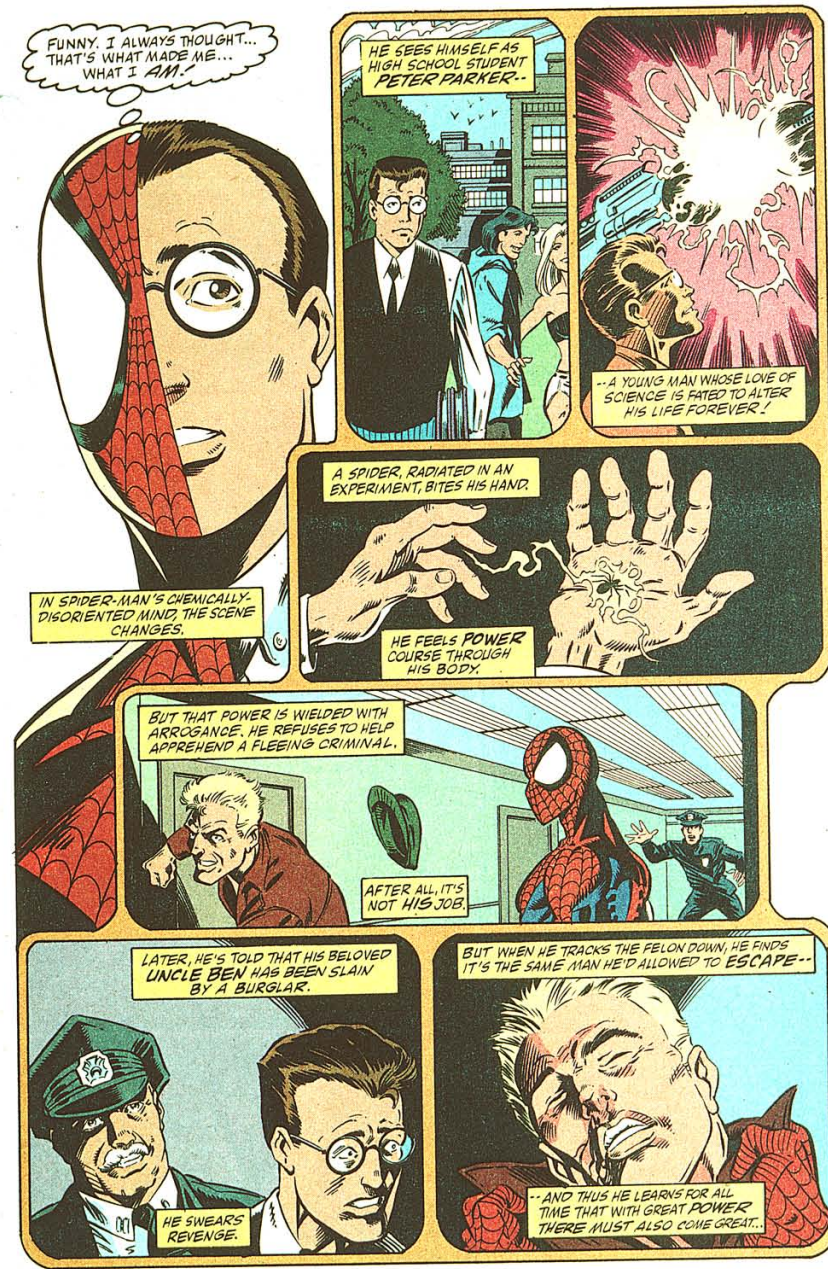
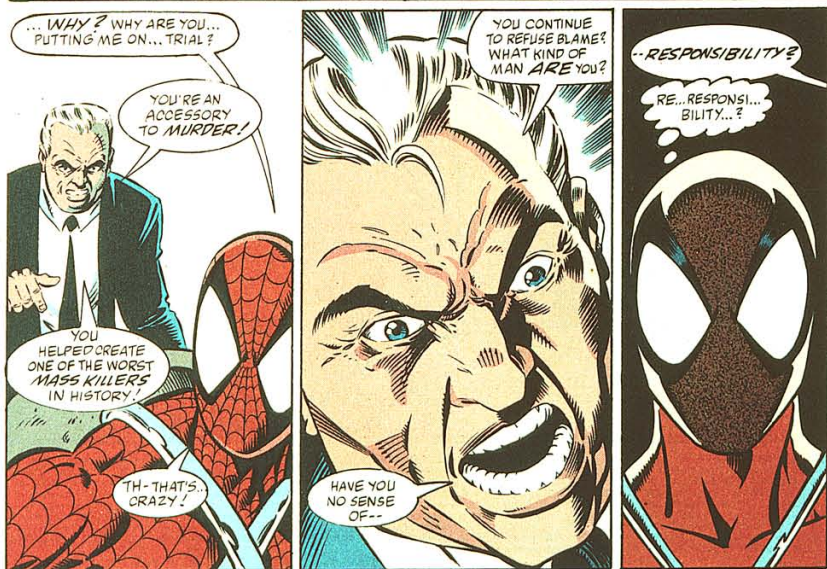
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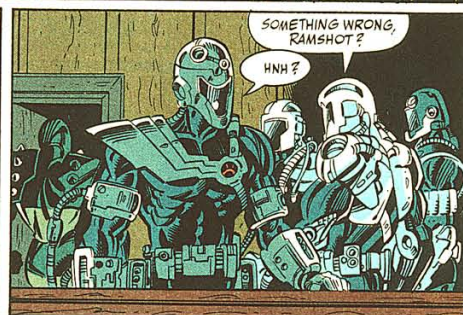
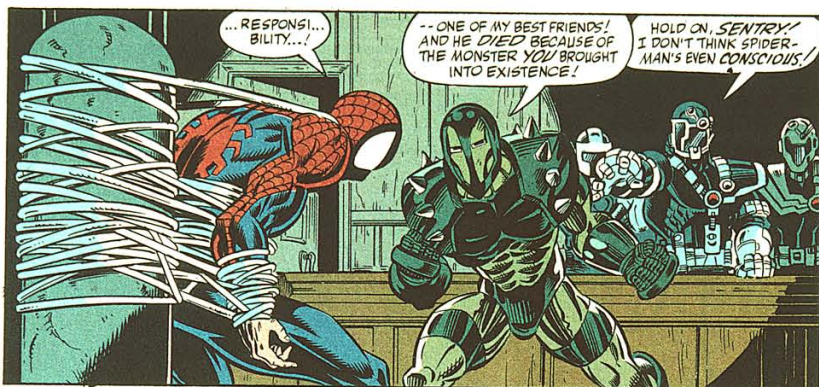
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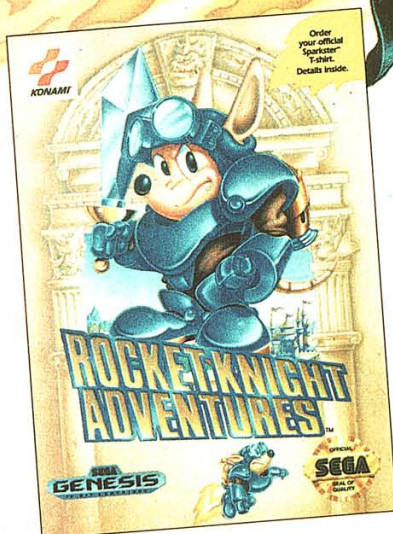


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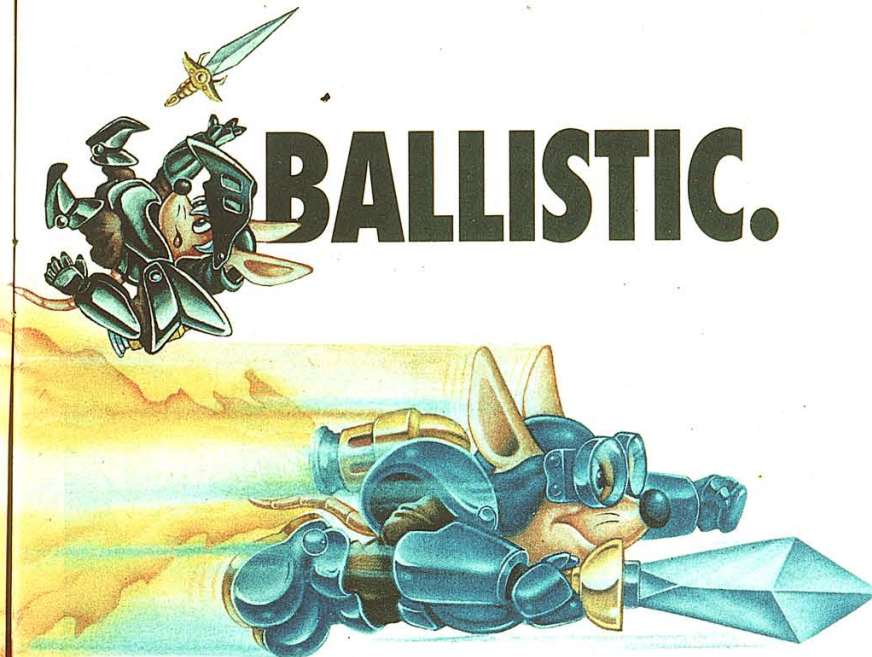
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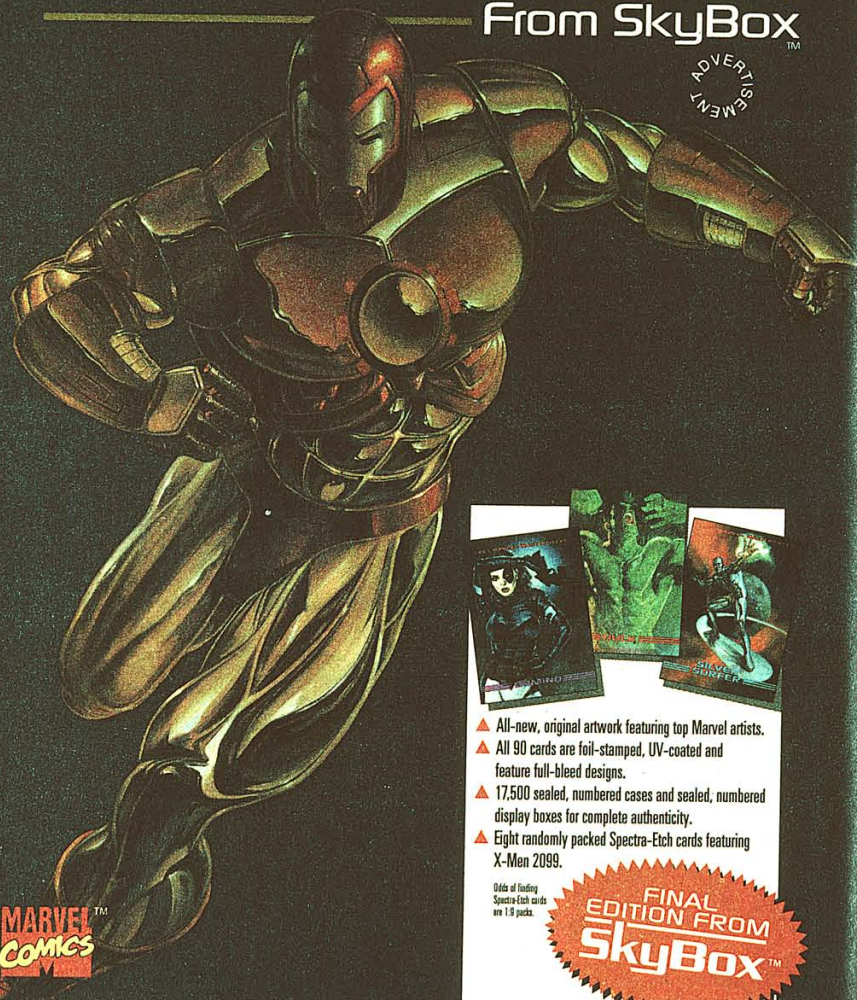


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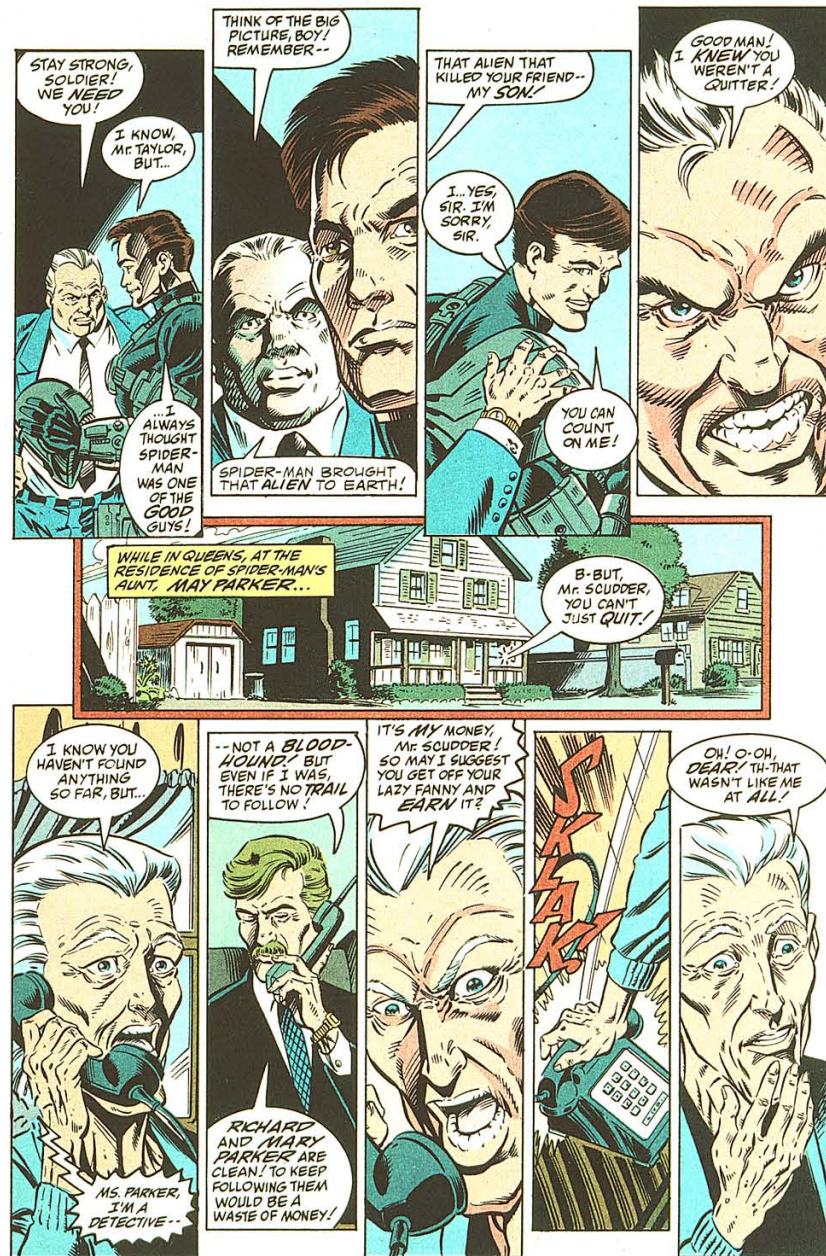
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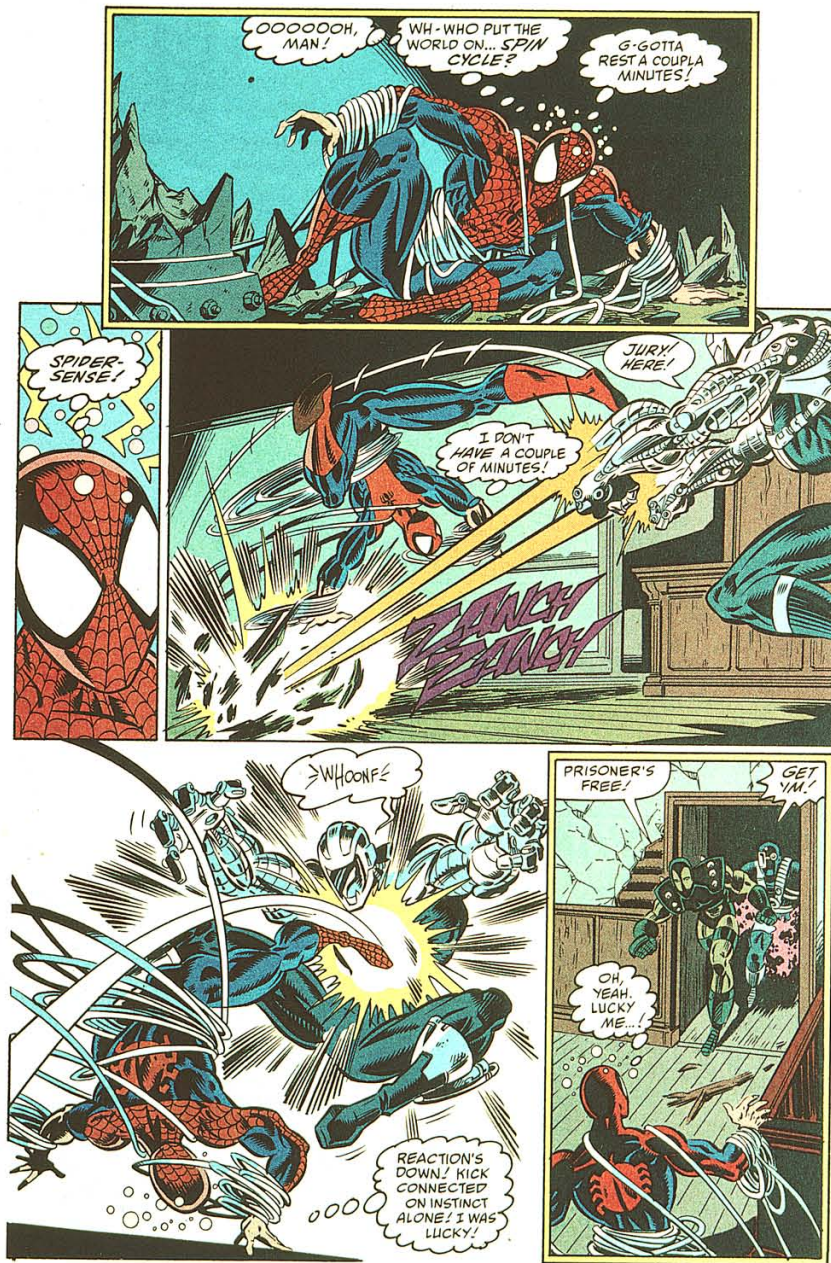
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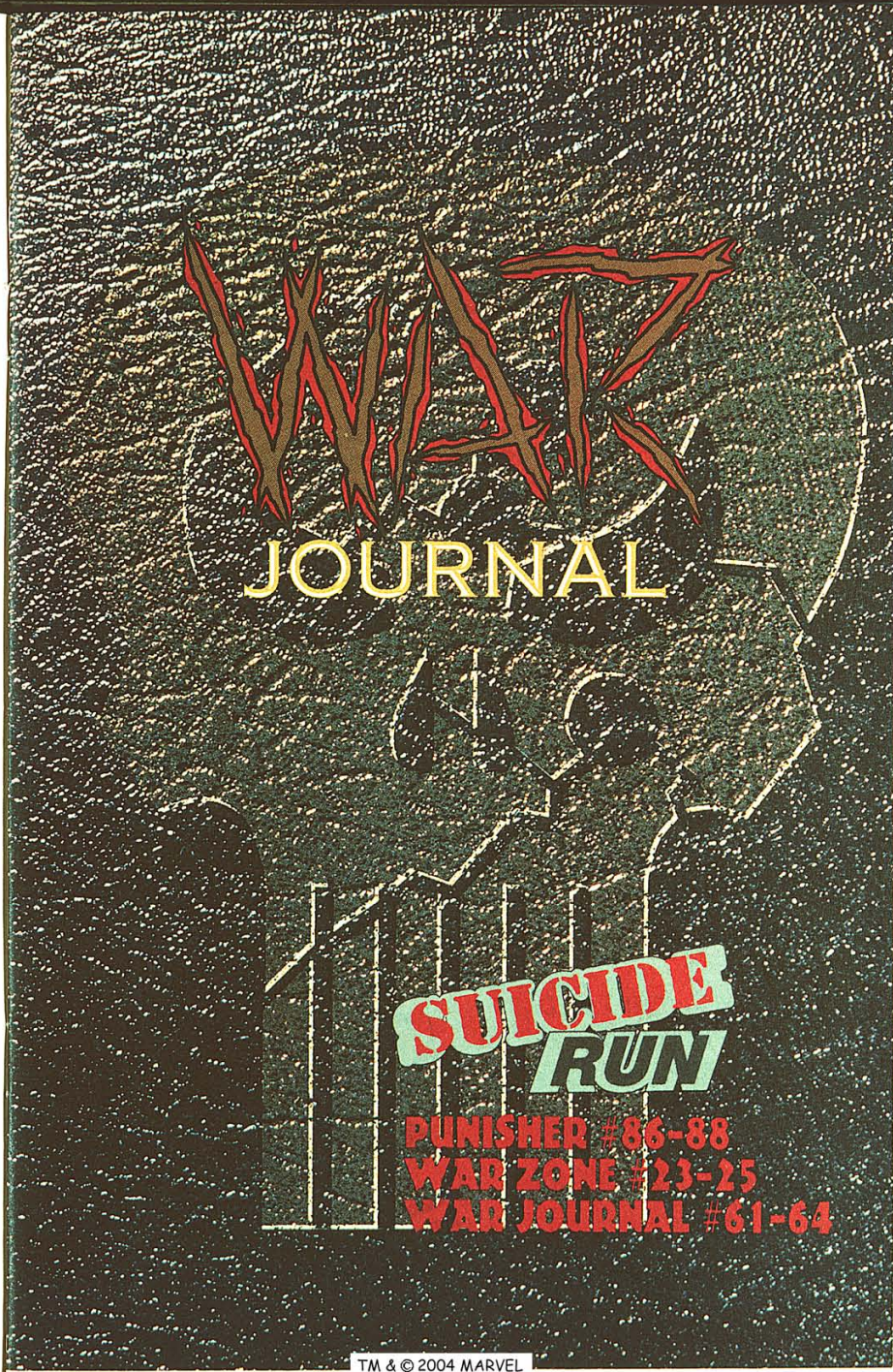
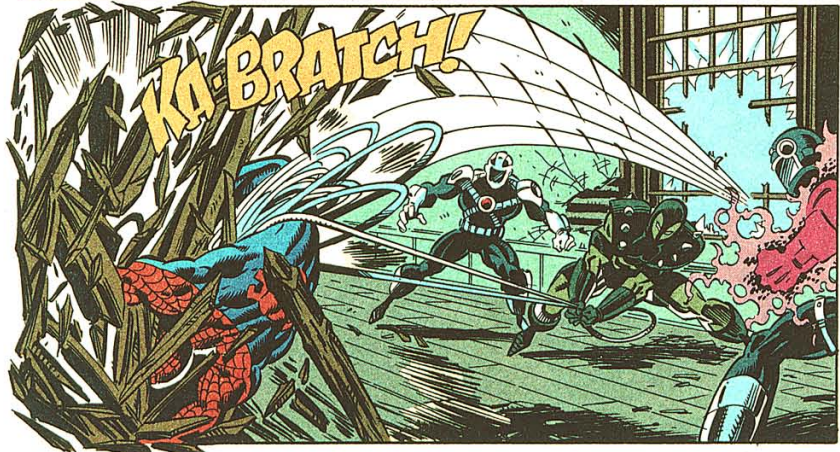
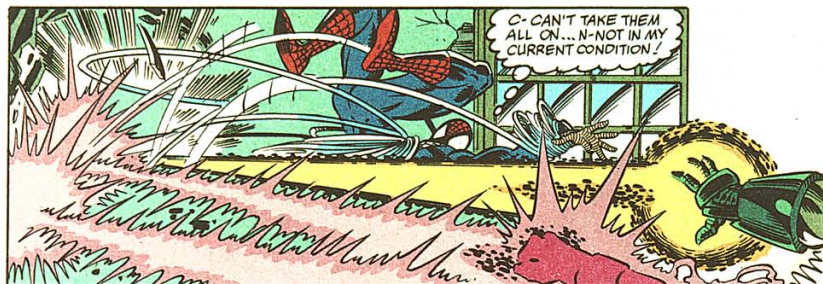
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PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL: FINAL ENTRY

NO SURVIVORS. NONE. WAY IT'S GOT
TO BE. ONLY WAY TO BE SURE.

EVEN IF IT MEANS THE END OF
MY WAR.

ENEMY'S MAKING CARELESS MOVES.
BEEN IN THE ZONE LONG ENOUGH TO
KNOW A TRAP WHEN I SEE IT.

YOU'D THINK IT WAS ONE OF MINE,
THOUGH. THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL
MOB FIGURE HEADS, TOGETHER IN ONE
ROOM—IT'S A CROSSFIRE WAITING
TO HAPPEN. EVERY ONE-OF-THEM'S
GOING TO BE WANTING CREDIT FOR
TAKING ME OUT. MAYBE THEY CAN
TAKE OUT A FEW OF THEMSELVES
IN THE PROCESS.

NOT A CLEAN KILL. NO KILL
IS CLEAN. MAYBE THAT'S WHY
PEOPLE WEAR BLACK TO
FUNERALS. IT DOESN'T SHOW
THE DIRT, IT DOESN'T
CAST THE BLAME.

AND THIS, THIS WILL
BE A FUNERAL...
THEIRS...
OURS.

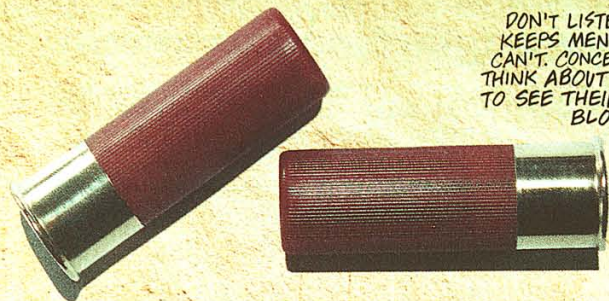
IT ISN'T EVERYDAY
YOU...

KILL A FAMILY.



NO, NOT FAMILY. NEVER
CALL THE ENEMY A
FAMILY. FAMILIES ARE
BROWN BASKETS
FILLED WITH EGG
SALAD SANDWICHES
AND CRANBERRY
CRUMB CAKES.
FAMILIES ARE
PICTURES YOU
LOOK AT IN A
JUNGLE FILLED
WITH HATE.
FAMILIES ARE
BABY GIRLS
AND LITTLE
BOYS THAT
LOVE YOU WITH
BRIGHT SILVER
DOLLAR EYES. FAMILIES
ARE PICNICS THAT NEVER END
AND KITES THAT NEVER
GET AWAY...





DON'T LISTEN TO MICRO CHIP. HE KEEPS MENTIONING MARIA. DON'T CAN'T. CONCENTRATE ON THE WAR. THINK ABOUT THE ENEMY. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEIR FACES... WHEN I BLOW THEM OFF.

THE ENEMY—

JIGSAW—CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D TAKE ANOTHER CRACK AT ME. KNEW HE WAS UGLY AND STUPID. DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH.

BUCK WRANGO—OUT OF TALLAHASSEE—GAP-TOOTHED OLD COWBOY WITH PEARL HANDLED AUTOMATICS. THE BUCK STOPS HERE.

VLAD SLOZCK—RUSSIAN MOLINA. NATIONWIDE OPERATION. TRUCKING. SMUGGLING. PROTECTION. HE'S GONNA NEED THAT LAST ONE.

FLYNN CULLEN—IRISH... OF THE BLACK CULLENS. RUNS EVERYTHING WEST OF SEVENTH AVENUE—INCLUDING POLICY, DRUGS & SHYLOCKING. ANOTHER RICH KID MADE RICH ON BLOOD MONEY.

VITO VADUCCI—WORKS THE ISLAND FOR EVERYTHING IT'S GOT INCLUDING THE UNIONS.

TONY RHEE—HEAVY-SET. INVOLVED WITH THE KOREAN MAFIA. PEDDLES WHITE AND BROWN HEROIN—FACE IS SCARRED—MEANS HE'S USED TO PAIN. SO AM I.

ROSALIE CARBONE—MAFIA PRINCESS. LOOKS GOOD, BUT SHE'S BAD. HOPE SHE TAKES MY WARNING AND KEEPS OUT OF THIS. I MUST BE GOING SOFT.



RAPIDO—GATLING GUN MOUNTED IN PLACE OF A LIMB—TALK ABOUT BEING ARMED. HE'S HERE AS INSURANCE FROM THE EUROPEANS THAT THE JOB GETS DONE.

JACKIE DEE—SEEMS TO BE THE ORGANIZER. FANCY ITALIAN SUIT—SMELLS OF MONEY AND WELL-BRED TASTE. THINGS ARE GOING TO GET UGLY FOR THE PRETTY BOY.

TURK—GANG LEADER OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONES. SKIN HEAD. NOSE RING. I'LL PUT HIM OUT OF MY MISERY.

"TIGER" TANNER WILSON—HANDLES EVERYTHING NORTH OF THE PARK. KEEPS EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE IN LINE.

BRUCE LAM—AUGUST DRAGON CLAN... HANDLES TORONTO, MONTREAL AND NEW YORK. FIVE MILLION IN TRADE A MONTH.

PIKE—CHICAGO. THE OUTFIT. REP. SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.



MICRO'S SURVEILLANCE CAMERA DID THE TRICK

DON'T LIKE FACING GUYS I'VE FACED BEFORE. THEY SHOULD BE DEAD. MAYBE I'M SLIPPING.

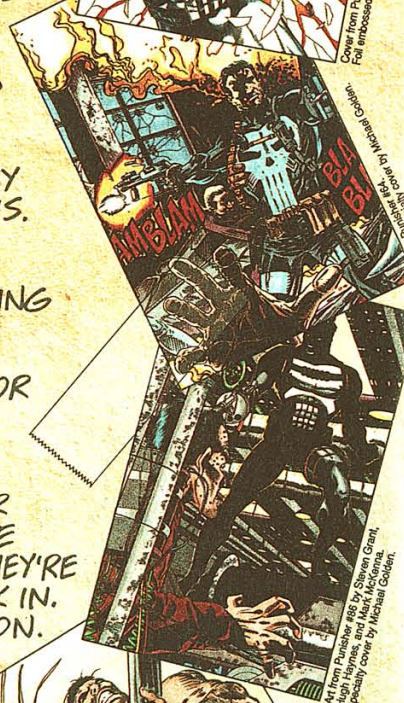
LIVIN' THROUGH THIS ISN'T IMPORTANT. TAKING THEM ALL DOWN WITH ME IS. ACCORDING TO MICRO CHIP, THE ENEMY'S MEETING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE TOP FLOOR OF MANHATTAN TOWER. TOWER'S GOT STATE-OF-THE-ART TECH— A FULLY TRIPLE-REDUNDANT SECURITY SYSTEM. FIGURE EVERYONE'S PARANOID AFTER THE WORLD TRADE EXPLOSION...???

DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY TO KEEP THE FEDS OUT OF THIS. HAVE TO WORK AROUND THEM. DON'T NEED A BUNCH OF BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE MAKING THIS ANY STICKIER.

THE TOWER WON'T BE OPEN FOR ANOTHER COUPLE MONTHS. NO INNOCENTS. FUNNY.

CREATE A DIVERSION TO COVER ENTRANCE. SECURITY WILL BE INTENSE. THERE'S NO WAY THEY'RE EXPECTING ME TO JUST WALK IN. MAYBE THAT'S THE DIVERSION.

SHOPPING LIST—
ULTRALITE, 16 STICKS
DYNAMITE, 2000 LBS.
SEM-TEX, 20 LBS. C-4,
HALF LITER OF NITRO,
A MANNEQUIN, 3 CASES
KRUG CHAMPAGNE,
VAN, RAPPELLING
HARNES...



MICRO CHIP SAYS IT'S SUICIDE.
AS IF THAT'S STOPPED ME BEFORE.

MICRO, IF YOU ARE READING THIS, THEN MY WAR IS OVER. YOURS, TOO. DON'T MOURN FOR ME. MOURN FOR THE WORLD. IT'S NOW A PLACE WHERE INNOCENTS SUFFER AND WHERE THE GUILTY GO UNPUNISHED.
I DID MY BEST, MICRO.

IT WILL BE NICE TO SEE MARIA
AND THE
CHILDREN
AGAIN.

BONE UP ON YOUR READING



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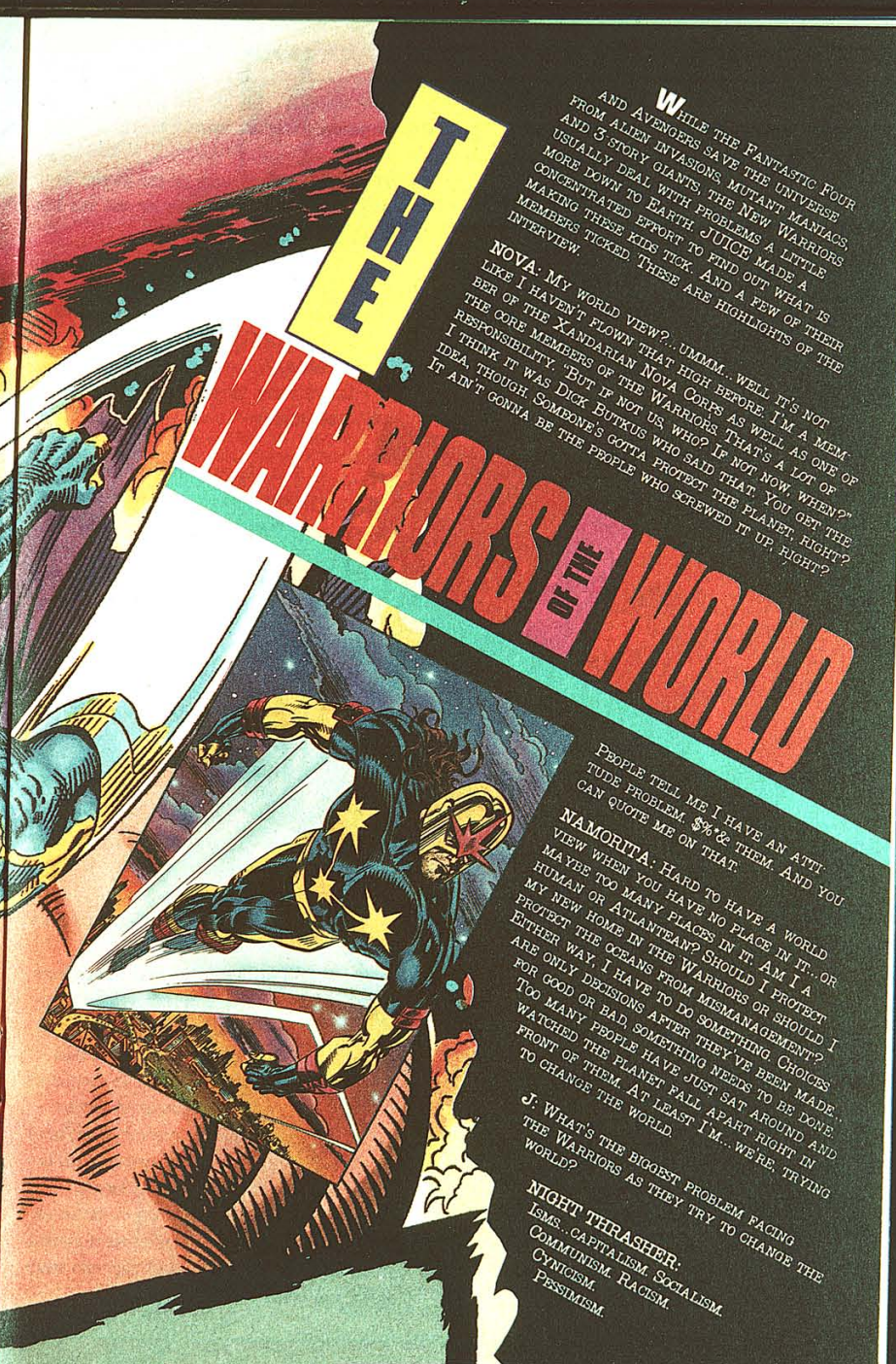
BEATING THE ODDS
AND BAD GUYS
TO A PULP

PUTTIN' THE **SQUEEZE** ON THE WORLD



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THE WARRIORS' WORLD

WHILE THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND AVENGERS SAVE THE UNIVERSE FROM ALIEN INVASIONS, MUTANT MANIACS, AND 3-STORY GIANTS, THE NEW WARRIORS USUALLY DEAL WITH PROBLEMS A LITTLE MORE DOWN TO EARTH. JUICE MADE A CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS MAKING THESE KIDS TICK. AND A FEW OF THEIR MEMBERS PICKED THESE ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERVIEW.

NOVA: MY WORLD VIEW?...UMMM... WELL IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVEN'T FLOWN THAT HIGH BEFORE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE XANDARIAN NOVA CORPS AS WELL AS ONE OF THE CORE MEMBERS OF THE WARRIORS. THAT'S A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY. "BUT IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?" I THINK IT WAS DICK BUTKUS WHO SAID THAT. YOU GET THE IDEA, THOUGH. SOMEONE'S GOTTA PROTECT THE PLANET, RIGHT? IT AIN'T GONNA BE THE PEOPLE WHO SCREWED IT UP, RIGHT?

PEOPLE TELL ME I HAVE AN ATTITUDE PROBLEM. \$%*& THEM. AND YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THAT.

NAMORITA: HARD TO HAVE A WORLD VIEW WHEN YOU HAVE NO PLACE IN IT...OR MAYBE TOO MANY PLACES IN IT. AM I A HUMAN OR ATLANTIAN? SHOULD I PROTECT MY NEW HOME IN THE WARRIORS OR SHOULD I PROTECT THE OCEANS FROM MEMANAGEMENT? EITHER WAY, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. CHOICES ARE ONLY DECISIONS AFTER THEY'VE BEEN MADE. TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE JUST SAT AROUND AND WATCHED THE PLANET FALL APART RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM. AT LEAST I'M...WE'RE, TRYING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

J: WHAT'S THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING THE WARRIORS AS THEY TRY TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

NIGHT THRASHER:
ISM...CAPITALISM. SOCIALISM.
COMMUNISM. RACISM.
CYNICISM.
PESSIMISM.

J: HOW DO YOU FIGHT AN "ISM?"

NIGHT THRASHER: I THINK OF THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY AS MY FRIEND. WE USE AN ISM, TOO. IT'S OPTIMISM.

SILHOUETTE: IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE, ALL RIGHT. PEOPLE TO TRUST AS FRIENDS. PEOPLE TO LEAN ON.

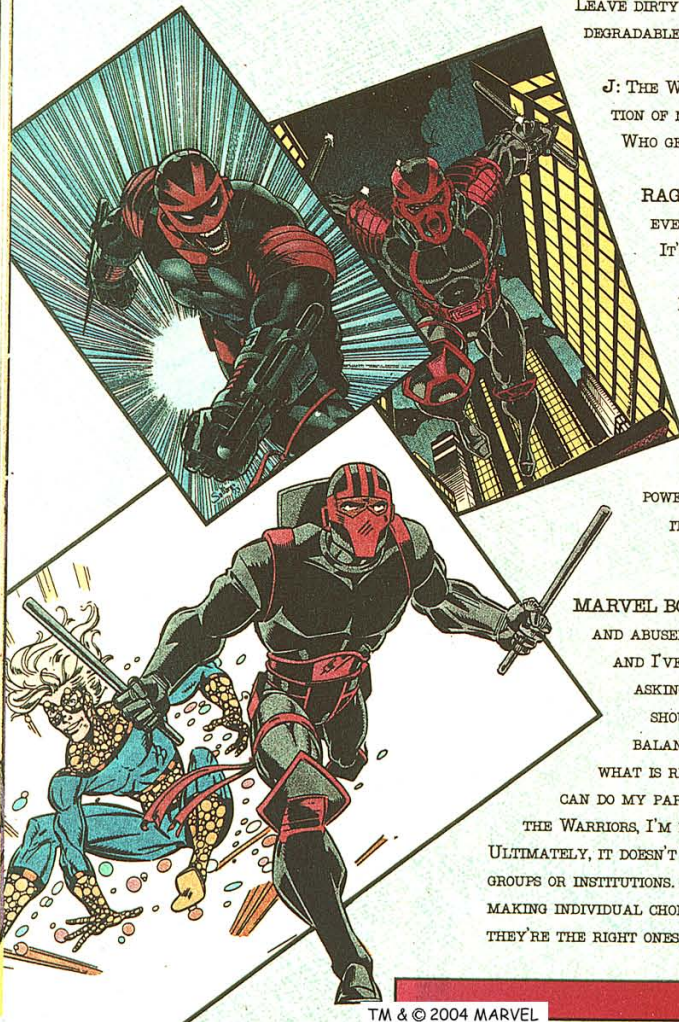
SPEEDBALL: LIVE FAST. DIE YOUNG. LEAVE DIRTY UNDERWEAR. IT'S BIG DEGRADABLE.

J: THE WARRIORS HAVE THE REPUTATION OF NOT PULLING THEIR PUNCHES. WHO GETS HIT AND HOW HARD?

RAGE: EVERYONE GETS HIT. AND EVERYONE GETS HIT VERY HARD. IT'S SIMPLE.

FIRESTAR: JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO BLOW UP THE PLANET, DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT, DOES IT? I MEAN, WHEN WILL PEOPLE LEARN THAT POWER ONLY GOES SO FAR BEFORE IT RUNS UP AGAINST SOMEONE MORE POWERFUL? LIKE ME.

MARVEL BOY: I'VE SEEN POWER USED AND ABUSED. I'VE SEEN PEOPLE HURT AND I'VE HURT PEOPLE. IF YOU'RE ASKING ME WHAT THE WORLD SHOULD BE LIKE. IT SHOULD BE BALANCED AND GOVERNED BY WHAT IS RIGHT...JUSTICE. WHETHER I CAN DO MY PART TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IN THE WARRIORS, I'M NOT SURE ANYMORE. ULTIMATELY, IT DOESN'T COME DOWN TO TEAMS OR GROUPS OR INSTITUTIONS. IT COMES DOWN TO PEOPLE MAKING INDIVIDUAL CHOICES—AND TRUSTING THAT THEY'RE THE RIGHT ONES.



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ON THE rebound!

SPEEDBALL TELLS HOW THE NEW WARRIORS REALLY FORMED.

SEEMS THERE'S MORE TO THE NEW WARRIORS' ORIGINS THAN WE'VE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PRIVY TO. THE FOLLOWING ARE MEMOIRS FROM SPEEDBALL'S PERSPECTIVE. JUICE TOOK THE LIBERTY TO RUN THIS BY NIGHT THRASHER AND NAMORITA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARITY AND AUTHENTICITY.

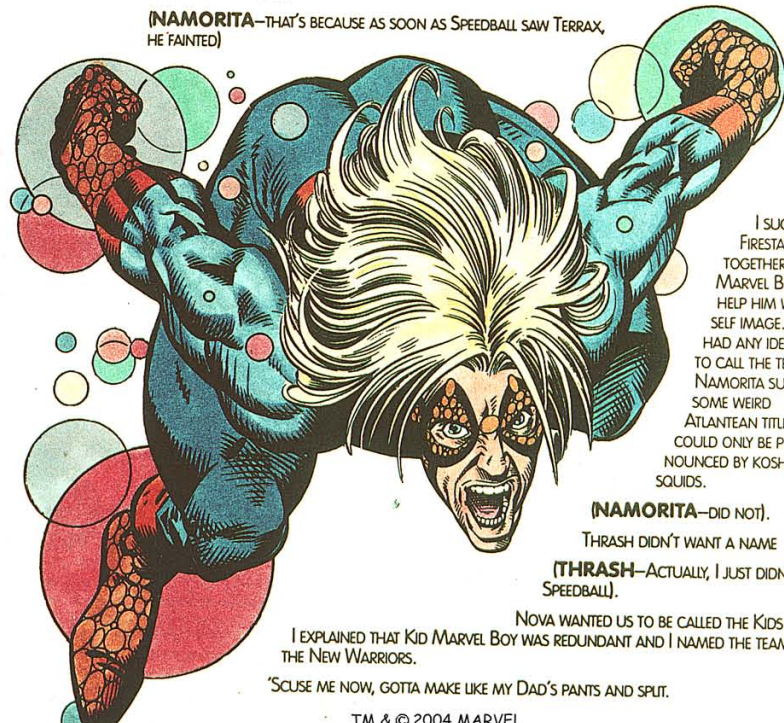
SPEEDBALL: MOST PEOPLE WOULD TELL YOU THAT THRASH WAS THE GUY WHO STARTED THE NEW WARRIORS. TRUTH IS, I INSPIRED HIM....I THINK IT WAS BY OSMOSIS.

(THRASHER—THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED IF SPEEDBALL HAD A BRAIN.)

AS PER MY ORDERS, THRASH SOUGHT OUT MARVEL BOY, KID NOVA (HE LOVES IT WHEN YOU CALL HIM THAT) AND FIRESTAR TO BATTLE THIS C\$%*& ALIEN NAMED TERRAX. CAN I SAY C\$%*& IN A JUICE INTERVIEW? ACCORDING TO THE STORY YOU'VE HEARD, NAMORITA AND I JUST HAPPENED TO SHOW UP TO HELP THEM TAKE BIG & UGLY DOWN. RIGHT. AND MR. FANTASTIC DOESN'T HAVE AN ELASTIC WAISTBAND ON HIS UNDERWEAR.

FIRESTAR & NAMORITA, THE TWO BABES ON THE TEAM, STARTED FIGHTING OVER ME EVEN BEFORE WE FINISHED MOPPING UP TERRAX.

(NAMORITA—THAT'S BECAUSE AS SOON AS SPEEDBALL SAW TERRAX, HE FAINTED)



I SUGGESTED FIRESTAR GET TOGETHER WITH MARVEL BOY TO HELP HIM WITH HIS SELF IMAGE. NO ONE HAD ANY IDEA WHAT TO CALL THE TEAM. NAMORITA SUGGESTED SOME WEIRD ATLANTIAN TITLE THAT COULD ONLY BE PRONOUNCED BY KOSHER SQUIDS.

(NAMORITA—DID NOT).

THRASH DIDN'T WANT A NAME

(THRASH—ACTUALLY, I JUST DIDN'T WANT SPEEDBALL).

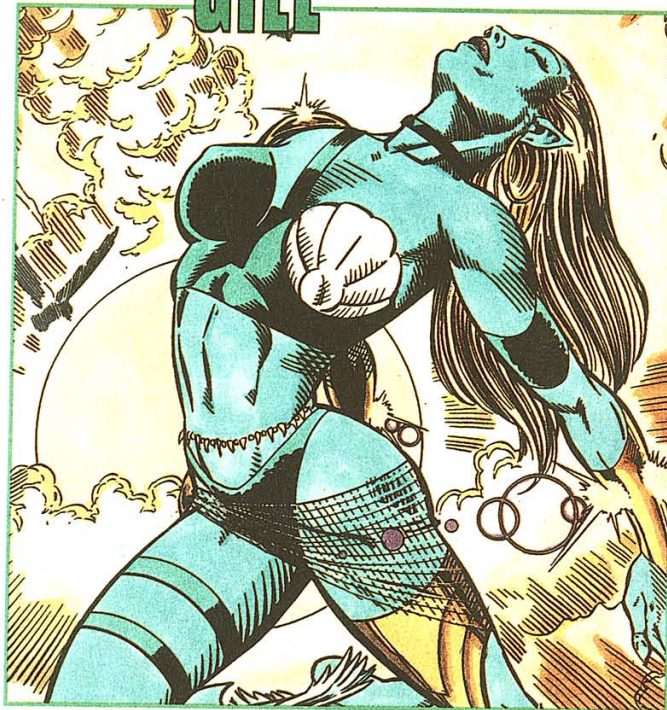
NOVA WANTED US TO BE CALLED THE KIDS.

I EXPLAINED THAT KID MARVEL BOY WAS REDUNDANT AND I NAMED THE TEAM THE NEW WARRIORS.

'SCUSE ME NOW, GOTTA MAKE LIKE MY DAD'S PANTS AND SPLIT.

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WHAT'S A GILL LIKE THIS...



DOING ON A TEAM LIKE THE NEW WARRIORS?

A Lifetime of Hard Choices Has Led To Hard Times For the original nautical Naughty Gal!

A fish out of water on land, a power boat on the waves, Namorita makes no excuses and takes no prisoners.

- IS SHE A CLONE?
- IS SHE HUMAN OR ATLANTIAN? OR BOTH? OR NEITHER?
- DO THE CHANGES IN HER BODY MEAN CHANGES IN HER ATTITUDE?
- IS SHE IN BIG TROUBLE WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BOYS?
- IS SHE PLANNING ON SWIMMING UPSTREAM WITH NOVA ANYTIME SOON?

WARRIORS TO FACE AN



Rumor has it that the New Warriors are going to have a riotous run-in with their old comrades, the headstrong and hip members of X-Force. Both teams represent a new generation of heroes that's out to save the world and look good doing it. But after all they've been through, can the teams still be friends? Let's face it: a lot has changed since the New Warriors last saw X-Force.

- Cannonball has died, come back to life, and found out he's an Immortal External.
- Namorita turned blue.
- Feral has defected.
- Marvel Boy was convicted of murder, went to jail and now he's out for Justice.
- Rictor has tried to kill Cable, given up, and joined X-Force.
- Rage's Granny Staples has been murdered.
- Sunspot is missing.
- Speedball is still Speedball.

Sure, the teams have been buds in the past, but are they all too hardened and headstrong to put the squeeze on the bad guys without beating each other to a pulp?

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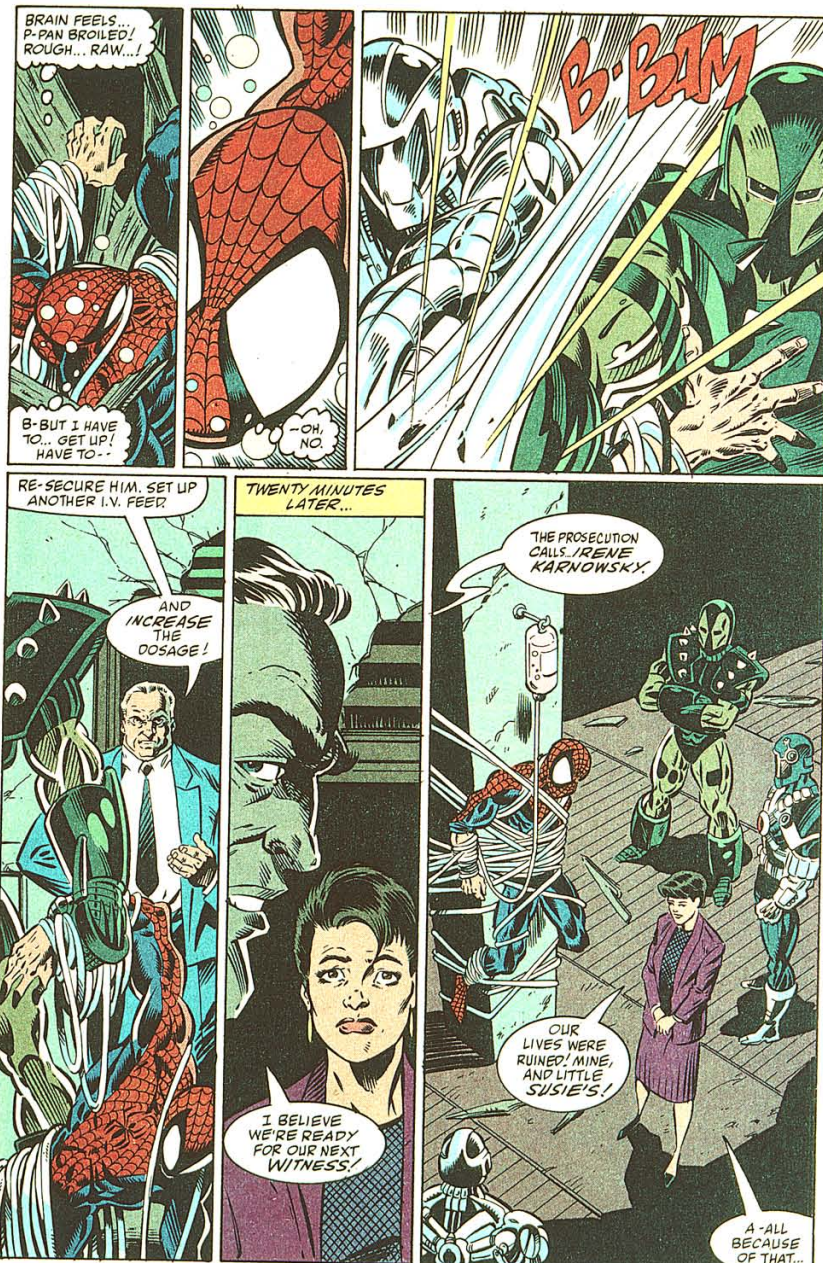


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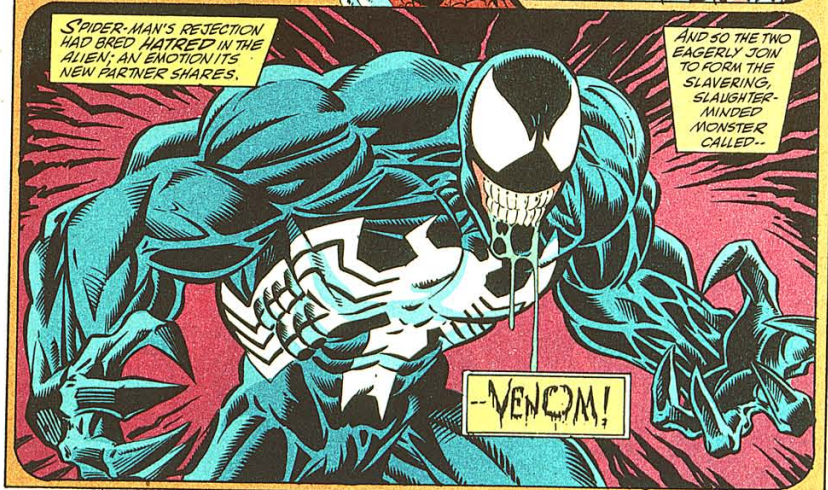
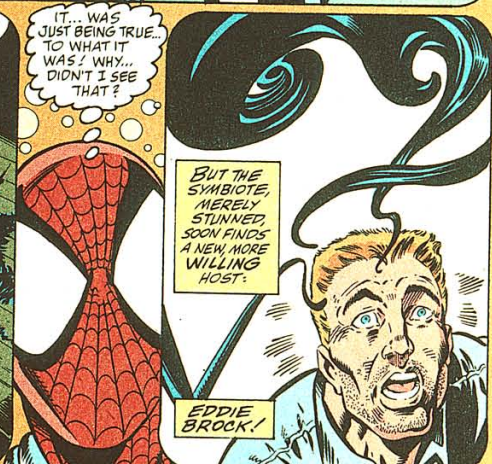
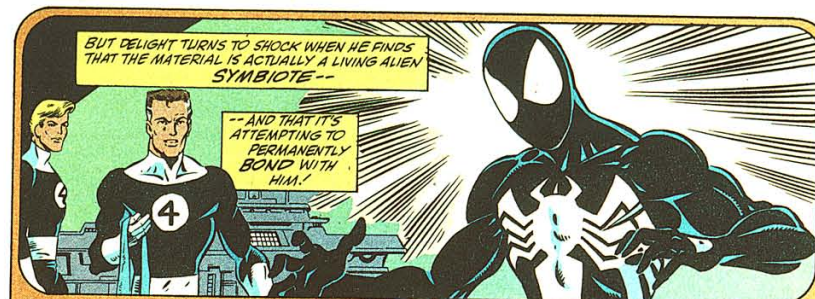
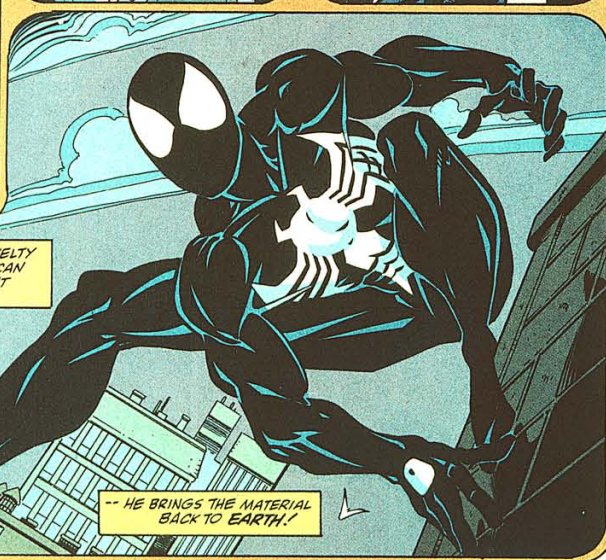
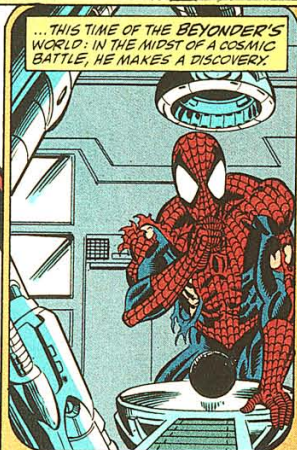
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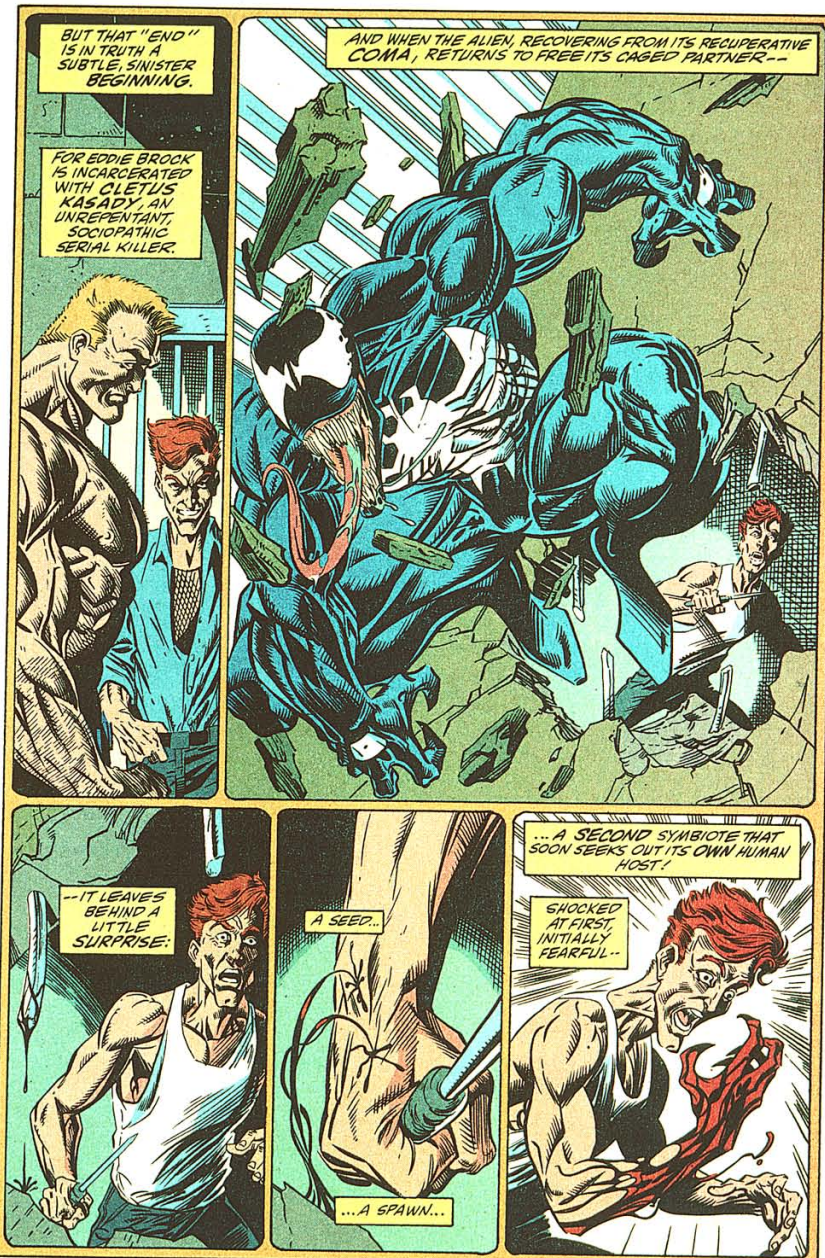
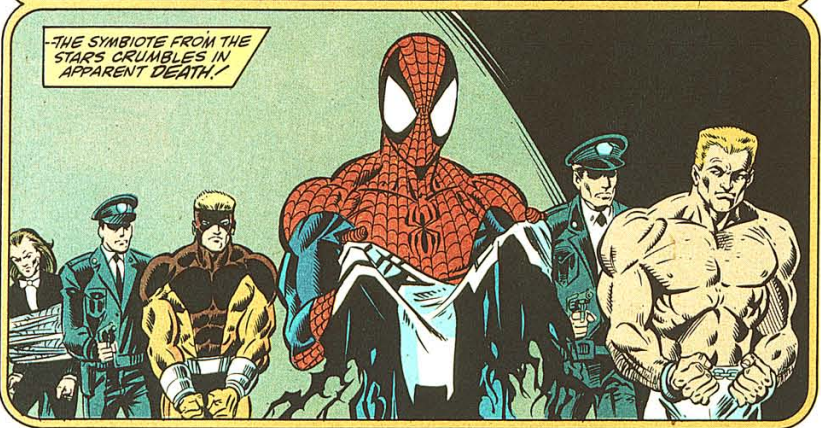
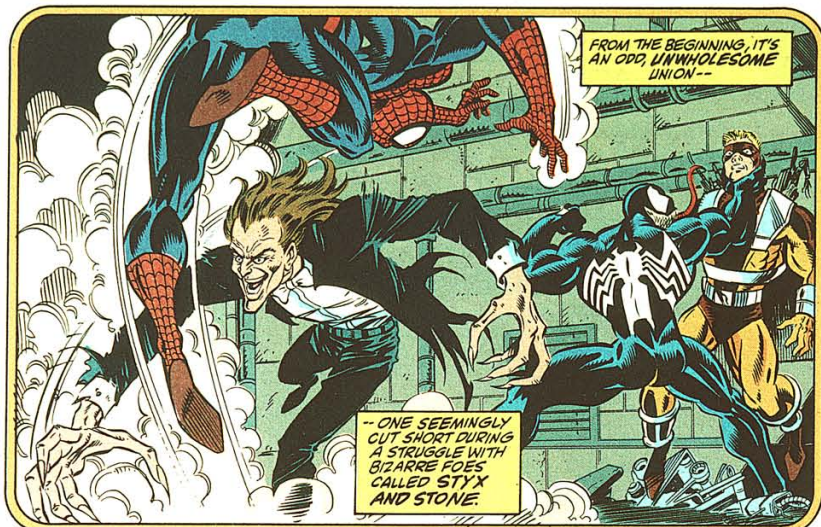
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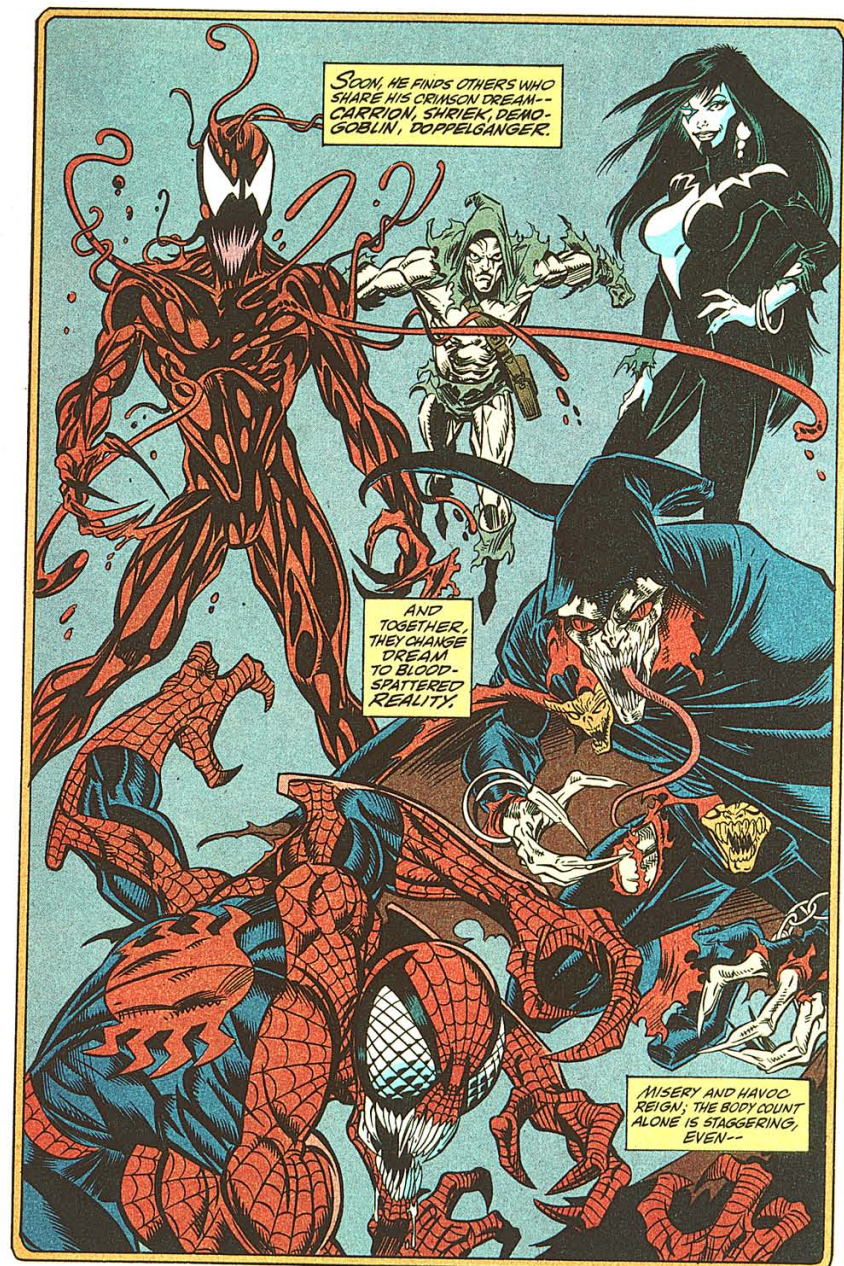




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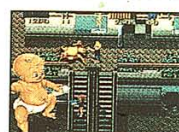
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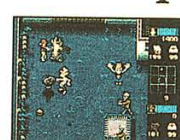
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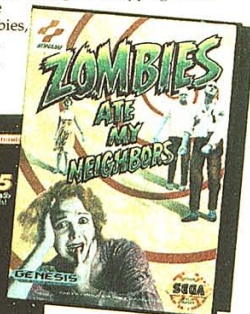
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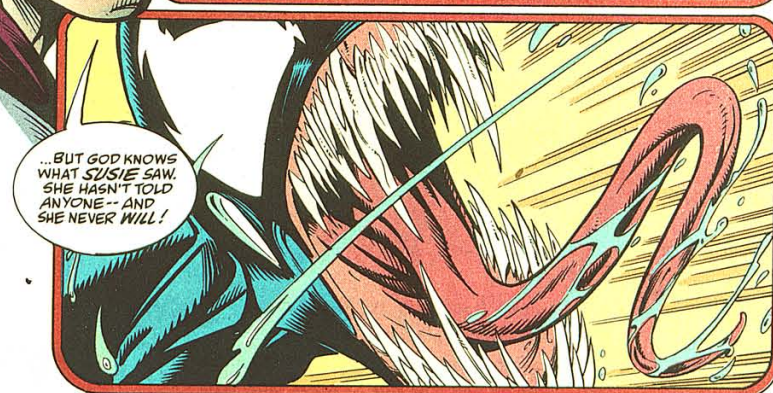
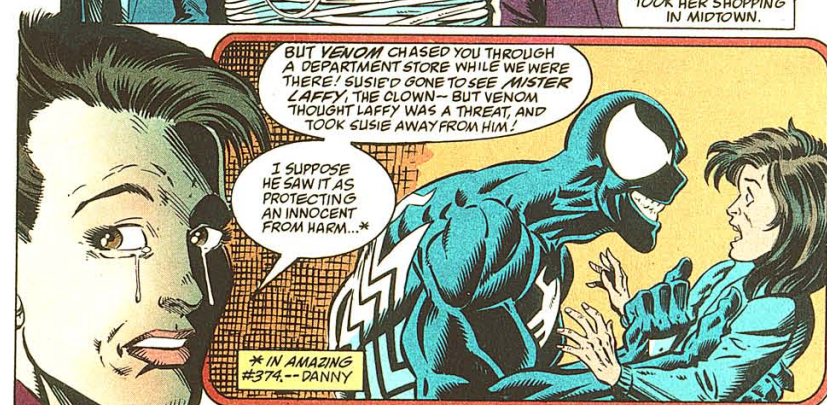
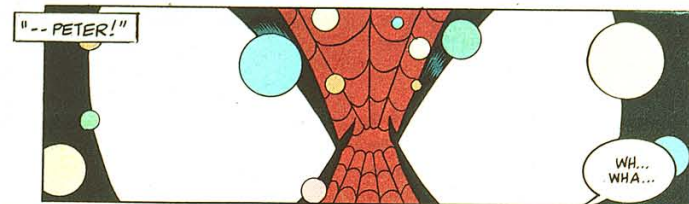
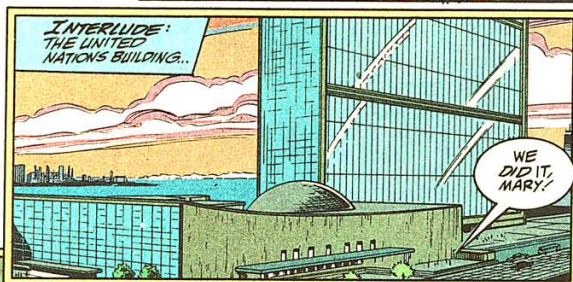
a grocery store, mysterious monster islands, a haunted house and your own Zombie infested backyard. Run, swim and trampoline over hedges to escape hordes of Zombies, Chainsaw Maniacs, Mummies, Evil Dolls, Lizard Men, Blobs, Vampires, Giant Ants, Martians and more. Or take them out with your uzi squirt gun, exploding soda pop, bazookas and weed wackers. In a pinch use one of your collectible power-ups like secret potions and bobo clown decoys. Go it alone or as a Zombie squad of two. The game goes on and on and on. Run for your life! It just won't die!!

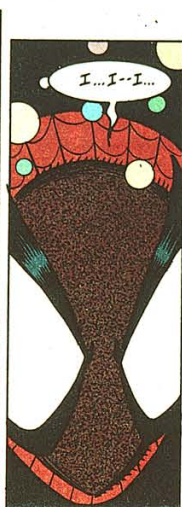
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NEXT ISSUE: Oh, no! The (gulp) LAST SPIDER-MAN story!!! Be here in 30 days to FIND OUT!
 Plus: Aunt May's quest for the TRUTH continues! Things REALLY rev up as we head toward the most SENSATIONAL Spider-era of all!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

Sometimes working for Marvel seems like one big picnic; sometimes, it literally is a picnic! And while we're shivering in the October moon at the moment, we cast our thoughts a mere two months back to those dog days of August, when on Friday the 27th, each and every Marvel employee was given the day off to attend our annual company picnic at the Craigmeur Recreational Facility in northern New Jersey. Hundreds of Marveloids showed up — staffers, freelancers, execs, and — get this — making a rare cameo appearance, Stan "the Man" Lee! The weather could not have been more perfect — it was as if Thor himself had chased the clouds away!

This year's picnic had a country and western theme, highlighted by a square-dancing exhibition and a C & W DJ who led the assembled revelers through their foot-stomping paces. While the picnic was a little bit country, it was also a little bit rock and roll, as a brand-new Marvel house band, The Fantastic Four & More, made their public debut. The band consisted of such Marveloids as editor Don Daley, associate editors Suzanne Gaffney and Evan Skolnick, art guy Steve Geiger, production guy Jim Krueger, and designer Joe Kaufman. Drummer Evan said the band's music was

"very traditional rock and roll, which some people found to be a relief from the country & western theme."

The day was filled with all kinds of activities, including swimming, basketball, softball, volleyball, and that favorite family fun game, Dunk the Exec! All of our executives — including Terry Stewart, Tom DeFalco, and Mark Gruenwald — were willing to be dunked by a well-thrown curve-ball, proving they're not afraid to test out new waters!

In addition, such Marvellificent contests as water-balloon catching, sack races, and big overall hay hurdling (don't ask) were staged beneath the broiling sun.

Assistant editor Lynaire Brust took second prize in the Bake-Off competition with her magic cookie bars — a recipe that eludes even Dr. Strange! And in first place — International Licensing Department's Lee Ann Taylor and her mouth-watering apple pie!

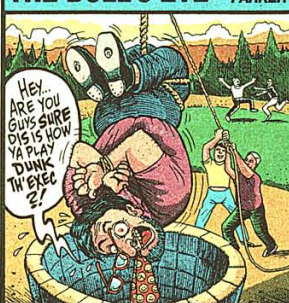
SECRET DEFENDERS inker Don Hudson spent most of the day in the pool, swimming ring-around John and Virginia Romita. Don was quite the triathlete, as he participated in nearly every sport you can think of.

Taking the prize for freelancer

traveling the farthest to attend the frenetic funfest was the UK's own Dougie Braithwaite, now doing breathtaking PUNISH-ER artwork.

But now the picnic's over and all good Marveloids are fully ensconced in their autumnal activities, making the comic racks safe for humankind.

THE BULL'S EYE by RICK PARKER



CHRIS'S CORNER

Everybody, at some point in their life, has gone through tough times — y'know, those really bleak periods when you feel like the lowest of the low, worthless, useless, unloved and unlovable... It's not a pretty place to be. I know I've been there, pretty much throughout junior high and most of high school.

That's what I find so compelling about Blaze's situation in BLAZE: LEGACY OF BLOOD. Here's a guy who's down and out, separated from his family, and making a bad situation worse by some really destructive behavior. And then, just when

he thinks it can't get any worse, it does: his family, whom he thought was at least safe, turns out to be in terrible danger from the most unexpected threat of all — believe me, you're going to be as surprised as Blaze is!

So the big question is: does Blaze find the strength inside to believe in himself? Can he get it together in time to save his loved ones?

Yes, and no — and I hate to do this to you, but you'll have to read BLAZE: LEGACY OF BLOOD as well as the follow-up developments in the issues of GHOST RIDER and SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE that immediately follow it to know what I mean by that! People are either going to love Howard Mackie, who writes all three series, or hate him after this.

And have I mentioned the art? I wasn't sure how it was going to turn out, with our special inker working over Ron Wagner's meticulous pencils. Let's just say I was pleasantly surprised; it reminded

me of the rough energy of Mark Texeira's early days on GHOST RIDER!

So if you ever felt like the world sucked and nobody cared about you or understood you, you'll definitely know where Blaze is coming from in LEGACY OF BLOOD, and if you read the series (what is this "if"?), you'll know where he's going! And to all of you out there going through those bleak times, take it from somebody who's been there: HANG IN THERE! YOU'RE NOT ALONE!! IT GETS BETTER!!!

Chris Cooper



HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

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